were subsequently modified whereby controlling authorities were advised to make payment within five weeks from the date of retirement of the employees under Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS).

Enquiry pending against Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai

4198. DR. D. MASTHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether any investigation is pending against the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): No, Sir.

Loss of revenue due to under-invoicing of Chinese goods

4199. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Asian Age dated 15th January, 2001 under the caption "Hindi Chini Buy-Buy is an invoice scam";

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the loss of revenue suffered by Government as a result of under-invoicing of Chinese goods;

(c) whether Government have taken any action against the importers and also against the Customs officials who have colluded with the importers in these scam; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The aforesaid investigation report deals with imports of Chinese goods in Indian market noticed in recent past, analyses its reasons highlighting attempted under-invoicing by traders, and discusses the adverse impact of the import on Indian manufacturing sector. The news-item finally suggests imposition of Counter Vailing